

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: February 12, 2015

Agenda Item: 2015 Spring Black Bear

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 minutes

Background

Season structures and hunting district boundaries are adopted biennially for most game species. This happens every other year between December and final adoptions in February. Black bear season dates and season structure for 2015 were finalized in February 2014. Quotas may be changed annually. For 2015 FWP proposes no changes to the existing (2014) black bear hunting season quotas.

Public Involvement Process & Results

Public comment on this proposal ran through Jan. 23. Three comments were received: one speaking to closed gates on the National Forest, one wanting baiting during the last two weeks of the season, and another wanting to raise the quota in Region 7. All comments are included in their entirety in the Commission packet.

Alternatives and Analysis

Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions or no change from 2014 (status quo).

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP proposes no changes to the existing (2014) black bear hunting season quotas.

Proposed Motion

I move the Commission adopt the 2015 Black Bear Hunting Quotas as presented by FWP.